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Application for water for wet lands under the Tungabhadra in Bellary.

159 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the question of dispensing with application for water for wet lands under the Tungabhadra channels in the Bellary district is engaging the consideration of the Government;

(2) whether the Department of Public Works which at present disposes of applications for the use of water is of opinion that the existing arrangement requiring applications for water may be done away with; and

(3) whether the Executive Engineer met the ryots of Hospet in conference at Kamalapur on the 3rd December 1923 and whether the ryots prayed for the discontinuance of the existing practice in regard to water application on any or all of the following or other grounds:—

(*a*) undue delay in the grant of applications;

(*b*) needless expenditure on scribes and mamuls to subordinate officers;

(*c*) excessive and unnecessary work to the Public Works Department officials who have to register and pass orders and issue them, preserving copies thereof;

(*d*) needless cost to the ryots when they have to take delivery of the copies of the orders sent to them by 'unpaid' post?

A.—(1) & (2) The answer is in the negative.

(3) The Government have no information.

Jails.

Jail reforms.

160 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) if they have carried out any of the recommendations (on jail reforms) made by the Indian Jails Committee (1919–20);

(*b*) if so, what they are; and

(*c*) what recommendations of the Jail Committee they intend to carry out in the near future?

A.—A statement which will answer the hon. Member's question is being prepared and will be laid on the table.

Mr. S. Satyamurti:—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member to give us an idea of the time when he expects the report to be laid on the table?"

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp:—"I hope it will be laid on the table within the next few days. The fact is, we have done a great deal towards carrying out the Jail Committee's recommendations and it will take some time to make a summary of what we have done."

Landing and Shipping Dues Committee.

161 *Q.*—Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of ports in the Madras Presidency where 'Landing and Shipping Dues Committees' have been established;